

Outer Space of Science: Reagentizing the Process of Knowledge Production in Developing Areas – *Wesley Shrum (Sociology), Louisiana State University (USA)*

Conventional conceptions of "development" are typically focused on the internal characteristics of countries (modernization) or external relationships between countries (dependency/world system) at the macro level. A reagency perspective focuses on interactions at the micro level, particularly the organizational initiatives that import programs and projects into distant lands through agents from "developed" countries. Using video ethnographic techniques to follow the connectivity initiative in one East African and one West African location, this movie follows several actors in their attempts to bring the Internet to research institutes and university faculties. We reviewed 70 hours of footage shot in Kenya and Ghana during research visits in 2003 and 2004 for a selection of scenes illustrating different aspects of reagency.